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Recycling General Permit Issued

In an effort to expedite the permitting process, the DEP has issued a general permit for 5 types of recycling facilities. If a recycling facility meets the permit requirements for one of these types of facilities, the permit process is much simpler and less expensive. Under the new general permit, facilities will be able to accept one or more of the following items depending on the type of facility: glass and metal food containers, plastic containers, scrap metal, leaves, brush, and household wastes such as waste oil, spent anti-freeze, and spent lead-acid batteries. All the facility operator would be required to do is to submit a simple registration form with the appropriate fee. The Department would issue a Certificate of Registration if the facility falls under the general permit rules and the registration is deemed complete.

The general permit can be issued to privately owned operations as well as municipal operations, however, in accordance with a state law, municipalities will benefit from a 50% discount on the registration fee required.

Before issuing a final version of the new permit, comments on the proposed permit were requested from the 169 municipalities in the state, several environmental groups, and numerous recycling businesses. A substantial number of comments were received, mostly from municipalities, and many changes were made as a result to accomodate the towns existing recycling programs.

Some of the more signficant changes follow, language was added:

- To clarify that the permit is applicable to new or existing facilities,
- To increase the size and number of containers allowed under a Drop-site facility,
- To clarify that the permit did not prohibit anyone from applying to the DEP for authorization to conduct other activities on the site,
- To allow double-walled tanks that are equipped with 110% capacity for secondary containment as an integral design of the tank to meet the requirement for 110% spill containment,
- To increase accumulation capacities for unprocessed and processed brush,
- To clarify handling of scrap metal containing CFCs and allow up to 30 scrap metal appliances to accumulate before the CFCs must be removed and scrap metal deposited into a container, and
- To substantially increase the amount of brush that could be collected and processed.

Copies of the general permit and the registration forms can be mailed upon request by calling Valerie Leachman at 566-5217. The table that follows shows the 5 types of facilities and how they differ from one another.

Facility definitions:

"Satellite drop-site facility" means a solid waste facility where source-separated solid waste is collected but not processed, the capacity of collection containers does not exceed eight cubic yards each, and the total number of collection containers does not exceed ten.

"Drop-site facility" means a solid waste facility where source-separated solid waste is collected but not processed, the capacity of collection containers does not exceed 40 cubic yards each, and the number of collection containers does not exceed two per category of recyclable collected.

"Recyclables transfer facility" means a solid waste facility which is used primarily by solid waste collectors for the transfer of recyclable solid waste from collection vehicles into collection containers, and where no processing or sorting of solid waste other than transfer or compaction is conducted.

"Limited processing recycling facility" means a solid waste facility where source-separated solid waste is collected, sorted, or processed and where no more than 20 tons of recyclable solid waste is accepted each day.

"Single item recycling facility" means a solid waste facility where a single category of recyclable solid waste is processed within the legal boundaries of the property on which such facility is located.

Table of Recycling Facilities Authorized by General Permit

	Satellite Drop Site Facility	Drop Site Facility	Recycling Transfer Facility	Limited Processing Recycling Facility	Single Item Recycling Facility
Size	Max 10 container 8 cubic yds each	Max 2 containers 40 cubic yds each category	Max 100 cubic yds each category	20 tons/day 100 cubic yds each category	N/A
Registration	N/A	Required	Required	Required	Required
O & M Plans Site Plans	N/A	N/A	Required on-site	Required on-site	Required on-site
Fee Commercial	N/A	$100	$250	$250	$250
Fee Municipal	N/A	$50	$125	$125	$125
Reporting	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required	Required
Staffing	N/A	Sufficient to monitor	Sufficient to monitor	Sufficient to monitor	Sufficient to monitor
Acceptable Materials	paper, glass & metal food containers, plastic containers, scrap metal, leaves.	Same as sds + used oil filters, waste oil, spent antifreeze, spent lead-acid batteries.	Same as ds + brush,	Sames as ds - leaves	paper, plastic containers, brush.
Activities Allowed	Manual transfer	Manual transfer	Transfer & Compaction Only	Manual removal of contaminants mechanical processing	Manual sorting, mechanical sorting & processing.
Tipping Floor	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Residue	N/A	N/A	N/A	Max 10% monthly total by weight/ 30 cubic yds max accumulation	Max 10% monthly total by weight/ 100 cubic yds max accumulation
Location	Outside	Outside	Outside	Inside except brush	Inside except brush

Note: Nothing in the general permit affects a persons right to apply to the Department for authorization to conduct other activities.

Upcoming Meeting

12th Annual National Recycling Congress & Exposition "In tune with the country" will be held October 11-14, 1993, in Nashville, Tennesee at the Nashville Convention Center. For more information, contact 202-625-6406.

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